

1716.

2 and 3 CHARLES Lord BALTIMORE.

C H A P. XXI.

Passed 10th
August 1716.

An ACT for settling the Administration of the Government of this Province, in case of the Death or Absence of his Lordship's Governor, for the Time being, till his Lordship's Pleasure shall be farther known therein. *Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 346.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS his Excellency *John Hart*, Esq; our present Governor, (on Reflection of the many violent and dangerous Fits of Sickness he has been afflicted with, since his Arriving to the Government of this Province, especially the last, from which he is not yet perfectly recovered,) has represented to this General Assembly, That the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, hath not sent in any Instructions, or otherwise signified his Pleasure, where the Power of this Government shall be lodged, in case of the Death or Absence of his Lordship's Governor, for the Time being, either of which Accidents might involve the Inhabitants of this Province, not only in very confused Circumstances, but manifestly endanger the Peace and Welfare thereof: This General Assembly do pray that it may be Enacted,

On Death or Absence of the Governor, the First Person named in his Lordship's Commission to be of the Council, then living, &c. shall take upon him the Administration.

II. And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That in case of the Death or Absence of his Lordship's Governor, for the Time being, the First Person named by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, and in his Lordship's Commission, to be of his Lordship's Honourable Council, for the Time being, then living, and actually residing in this Province, and upon his Death or Absence, the next Person likewise named of his Lordship's said Council, actually living and residing as aforesaid, successively, shall immediately take upon him the Administration of the Government of this Province, and shall, with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Council, for the Time being, Execute all the Powers and Authorities which were or shall be given to such Governor, in relation to the Government, until the Return of such Governor, if absent, or until his Lordship's Pleasure shall be further known, or that he otherwise directs therein.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN,
THOMAS BACON.

1717.

At a Session of ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, in the County of *Ann-Arundel*, the 28th Day of *May*, in the Second Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable CHARLES, absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of *Maryland* and *Avalon*, Lord Baron of *Baltimore*, &c. and ended the 8th Day of *June* following, in the Third Year of his Lordship's Dominion, *Annoque Domini 1717*, were enacted the following Laws, *viz.*

JOHN HART, Esq; Governor.

C H A P. I.

Passed 8th
June 1717.

An Act for regulating of Ordinaries. *Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 348. EXP.*

To be in Force till the 29th September 1720; continued by 1720, *ch. 14*; 1721, *ch. 11*; 1723, *ch. 3*; 1726, *ch. 10*; and expired in 1729.

C H A P.